

## IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below.

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A processor, comprising:  
a predicate predictor to determine a predicted predicate value and a confidence value for the predicted predicate value for a first instruction with a predicate; and  
a micro-op generator to conditionally issue one or more micro-ops from a first set of micro-ops ~~corresponding to~~ based on the predicted predicate value of said first instruction when said confidence value is high and ~~a second set of micro-ops corresponding to said first instruction~~ a sequence of micro-ops that implement the predicate of the first instruction when said confidence value is low.

2. (Original) The processor of claim 1, wherein said first set of micro-ops includes a check micro-op.

3. (Original) The processor of claim 2, wherein said check micro-op is to check for a calculated value of said predicate of true when said predicted predicate value is true.

4. (Original) The processor of claim 3, wherein said check micro-op is to initiate a recovery when said calculated value is false.

5. (Original) The processor of claim 3, wherein said first set of micro-ops includes a first micro-op corresponding to said first instruction without predicate.

6. (Original) The processor of claim 2, wherein said check micro-op is to check for a calculated value of said predicate of false when said predicted predicate value is false.

7. (Original) The processor of claim 6, wherein said check micro-op is to initiate a recovery when said calculated value is true.

8. (Currently Amended) The processor of claim 1, wherein said ~~second set~~ sequence of micro-ops includes a micro-op corresponding to said first instruction without predicate.

9. (Currently Amended) The processor of claim 8, wherein said ~~second set~~ sequence of micro-ops includes a conditional move micro-op.

10. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
determining a predicted predicate value for a first instruction with a predicate;  
determining a confidence value for said predicted predicate value; and  
issuing ~~a set of~~ micro-ops corresponding to said first instruction responsive to said confidence value, wherein one or more micro-ops from a first set of micro-ops corresponds to are conditionally issued based on the predicted predicate value of said first instruction when said confidence value is high and ~~a second set of micro-ops corresponding to said first instruction~~ a sequence of micro-ops that implement the predicate of the first instruction when said confidence value is low.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said set of micro-ops includes a check micro-op when said confidence value is high.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said check micro-op checks for a calculated value of said predicate of true when said predicted predicate value is true.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising initiating a recovery when said calculated value of said predicate is false.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising issuing a first micro-op corresponding to said instruction without predicate.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said check micro-op checks for a calculated value of said predicate of true when said predicted predicate value is false.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising initiating a recovery when said calculated value of said predicate is true.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said set of micro-ops includes a conditional move micro-op when said confidence value is low.

18. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:  
a processor including a predicate predictor to determine a predicted predicate value and a confidence value for said predicated predicate value for a first instruction with a predicate, and a micro-op generator to conditionally issue one or more micro-ops

from a first set of micro-ops ~~corresponding to~~ based on the predicted predicate value of  
said first instruction when said confidence value is high and ~~a second set of micro-ops~~  
~~corresponding to said first instruction~~ a sequence of micro-ops that implement the  
predicate of the first instruction when said confidence value is low;

an interface to couple said processor to input-output devices; and

an audio input-output coupled to said interface and said processor.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said first set of micro-ops includes a check micro-op.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said check micro-op is to check for a calculated value of said predicate of true when said predicted predicate value is true.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said check micro-op is to initiate a recovery when said calculated value is false.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein said first set of micro-ops includes a first micro-op corresponding to said first instruction without predicate.

23. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said check micro-op is to check for a calculated value of said predicate of false when said predicted predicate value is false.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein said check micro-op is to initiate a recovery when said calculated value is true.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein said ~~second set~~ sequence of micro-ops includes a micro-op corresponding to said first instruction without predicate.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein said ~~second set~~ sequence of micro-ops includes a conditional move micro-op.

27. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:  
means for determining a predicted predicate value for a first instruction with a predicate;  
means for determining a confidence value for said predicted predicate value; and  
means for issuing ~~a set of~~ micro-ops corresponding to said first instruction responsive to said confidence value, wherein one or more micro-ops from a first set of micro-ops corresponds to are conditionally issued based on the predicted predicate value of said first instruction when said confidence value is high and a second set of micro-ops corresponding to said first instruction a sequence of micro-ops that implement the predicate of the first instruction when said confidence value is low.

28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said set of micro-ops includes a check micro-op when said confidence value is high.

29. (Original) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said check micro-op checks for a calculated value of said predicate of true when said predicted predicate value is true.

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29, further comprising means for initiating a recovery when said calculated value of said predicate is false.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising means for issuing a first micro-op corresponding to said instruction without predicate.

32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said check micro-op checks for a calculated value of said predicate of true when said predicted predicate value is false.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32, further comprising means for initiating a recovery when said calculated value of said predicate is true.

34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said set of micro-ops includes a conditional move micro-op when said confidence value is low.